

"The kind of innovative research and education programs being conducted at DLI and NPS directly increase the effectiveness of our fighting forces. What's especially exciting is that this money is directly related to educating smart officers and personnel who can use their military and foreign language skills in building alliances with our international neighbors, reducing the tensions that lead to military conflict. The funding I secured in this bill for DLI and NPS are examples of how I will continue to support our local military installations to ensure they continued to provide world-class education and cutting-edge research for the Department of Defense," said Farr.

The House passed this final version of the Defense spending bill this evening as it moves to adjourn at the end of the week in preparation for the November elections. Also included in the bill is \$17.1 billion to rebuild or repair Army equipment to keep soldiers safer during field operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Also of note is that the bill includes language barring funds for permanent bases in Iraq; provides \$200 million to intensify the search for bin Laden; prohibits the use of funds for any activities that would support the use of torture and includes \$1 billion in funds for personnel protection items and gear, such as body armor.

The DOD bill is the first bill to make it all the way through the legislative process so it also carries a 'continuing resolution' which provides for the continued operation of all other government agencies in the absence of regular appropriations bills that have not been enacted by October 1, 2006 - the beginning of the 2007 fiscal year.

Details of funds Farr secured for NPS and DLI and other research projects:

### **Naval Postgraduate School**

\$8 Million - Lab/Library modernization-- Modern engineering laboratories are essential to ensure that the NPS students can analyze future war fighting technologies, and gain the education needed to apply those technologies to meet emerging U.S. defense requirements. These funds will significantly modernize NPS' laboratories and related science and engineering library holdings.

\$1.9 Million - Homeland Defense Ph.D. Program-- NPS will launch the nation's first PhD program in Homeland Defense to meet critical national requirements for building research scholars in the field. No program in the United States yet produces Ph.D.s who have a solid grounding in homeland defense studies, and who also do pioneering research on homeland defense challenges, especially in science and engineering. The NPS program, offered in conjunction with the University of Colorado, will meet this need, and further solidify the position of NPS as the nation's homeland security educator.

\$3.25 Million -Center for Defense Technology and Education for the Military Services- This funding leverages NPS expertise and student experiences in operational theatres to help

deployed US forces win the Global War On Terror. Responsive to Navy, Joint and Regional Combatant Commands and program sponsors.

CDTEMS will fund the following programs at NPS:

- Center for Stabilization and Reconstruction Studies (CSRS)
- Regional Security Education Program (RSEP)
- A number of other educational programs
- Remote Sensing Center

\$1 million -Field Experiment Program for Special Operations (FEPSO)-- The program is structured to meet the strategic environment characterized by rapid geopolitical change and technology advancement, evolving threats, and potential emerging new roles. Officers reenroll at NPS after returning from operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere, bringing knowledge of new challenges in the field, and work with NPS faculty to structure research, development and field experiments. Upon graduation, Special Operations students return to their operating commands to implement and apply the advances they have pioneered.

\$1 million - Total Force Education Initiative-- DOD, DOE and other Federal agencies depend on a workforce that will soon be decimated by the retirement of tens-of-thousands of scientists and engineers. Under Total Force Education Initiative (TFEI), NPS will award competitive scholarships and assistantships to qualified US citizens to enroll in the Naval Postgraduate School Science and Engineering curricula, who will, upon graduation, be required to take positions at government facilities such as the Naval Research Laboratories and other national security facilities

\$1 million - Coalition and Operating Area Surveillance and Targeting System (COASTS) - The COASTS project seeks to optimize the deployment and integration of unmanned sensors, to improve network design for user configurability, and to expand the relationships between US, coalition, and commercial partners. The objective is to provide improved command and control support for friendly assets, disadvantaged users, and tactical units in support of maritime and littoral missions.

## **Defense Language Institute**

\$1.85 Million - Lab Modernization-These funds will permit DLI to implement fully the Language Resource Centers in all the barracks for all the Services. It will also include an upgrade to bring multimedia language labs fully up to state-of-the art programming with noise canceling headsets, designed specially for language learning. The funds will allow each of the DLI classrooms to become a multimedia language lab unto itself improving the Proficiency Enhancement Program.

\$1.25 Million -Virtual Convey Operations Trainer (VCOT)-- As DLI doesn't own vehicles, maintenance support or ranges, VCOT provides geo-specific locations with realistic conditions that enable DLI students to virtually train for the kinds of battlefield challenges they will face in a convoy when they are sent to the theatre, including: IEDs, RPGs, and attacks from machine gunners, riflemen, technical trucks, mortar and suicide vehicles.

\$1 Million - Global Studies Program-- This funding, which will be used to recruit instructors and convert courses to a distance format, complementing foreign language training with foreign area studies. Also, the program will provide graduate level professional development opportunities for DLI staff and faculty and non-degree professional development for foreign language instructors.

### **Other R & D**

\$3 million - Tactical RPG Airbag Protection System (TRAPS)-- RPG attacks are second only to IED incidents in Iraq and Afghanistan. TRAPS use commercial airbag and low-cost radar technology to defeat RPG warheads attacks to Humvees and other light armored vehicles without collateral damage to dismounted troops or adjacent vehicles.

The bill now moves to the Senate for final action before being sent to the White House for the President's signature.